

SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 7, 1904.

THE CONVENTION of the American Thursday. There will be another convention, it was announced, within six months. Dr. Burrell obtained the unanimous adoption of a resolution re-States and Canada. During Thursclared that a new system of Bible ignorance of the Bible, he said, is a shows the need of a better system. The democrats could name for President. Bible should be studied, he said, in unity and not in bits and fragments. Dr. Gregory's opinions have been shared by thousands of practical and earnest people both among the clergy and laity for the past third of a century. Bible study has in a great measure been abandoned, and this condition of affairs is becoming more apparent daily. While it may be regarded as treason or a sign of apostacy from the faith to make a suggestion, it is a fact nevertheless that many people living in civilized countries are not fed upon the Bible as they should be. It is true a chapter or part of a chapter is selected here or there and read, and three or four lines and often and appoints them to Washington and appoints them to office. less taken as the basis of a discourse. We certainly would teach no language or science in such a manner. If the sacred volume is to be seriously regarded at all, it should be studied as closely as any other book. Keeping within a certaiu zone is impractical, by no means edifying and far from instructive. The inquisitive layman cannot understand why so large a field of scripture is left unexplored by those whose business it is to teach, and why attention should be concentrated on the second volume almost exclusively. Should the faculty of an institution of learning ignore the elementary books in any class of study and attempt to teach beginners from th higher grade books they would soon make themselves subjects of criticism. Yet the great mass of the first part of the book of books is kept in almost a total eclipse. There is but one way to acquire knowledge of anything. There are no royal roads or free passes. We must start at the beginning. Hence if sturdy specimens of Christianity are to be produced-men and women whom the so-called "higher criticism" will not disturb—the most effective weapon to put into their hands is a familiarity with all that has been written. The Bible is an inexhaustible mine of truth. Within its lids can be found food for every class of persons on earth. Why can it not be made more interesting and attractive to all? We believe it can un

SEVERAL WEEKS ago an ex-member of Congress died at his home in greater New York. The man was generally called "Tim" Campbell. Popular and respected by those who knew him well a rugged and versatile character, he gave expression in a few words to a proposition that will live long after its author's memory has passed from the minds of men. "What is the constitution among friends," he asked, or said, when informed that certain measures that he wanted to make effective were unconstitutional. Mr. Campbell in his age and generation was not the only man not only willing but anxious "to make the laws we flout," and then "flout the laws we make." Only recently we quoted from the pure election law, approved March 24, 1903, and its drastic provision, which should deter not only candidates, but their friends from resorting to any questionable means to obtain votes. An act of the General Assembly approved January 2, 1904, relating to bribing of voters and punishment, provides that "If any person, directly or indirectly, give to a voter in any election any money, goods, or chattels, under any agreement, express or implied, that such voter shall give his vote for a particular candidate, at any such election, he shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more then one thousand dollars, or confined in itil not less than one month nor more than one year. And the voter receiving such money, goods or chattels, in pursuance of such agreement, shall be punished in like manner with the person giving the same." A most excellent law, and the legislature, in its not too many wise acts, did well to place bribe giver, and bribe taker in the "par nobile fratrum" pillory. This is not all, and primary elections which are equivalent to election in most of the cities and counties of the State, are safe guarded against corrupting in. fluences. This from an act approved January 14, 1904, found on page 933, extra session 1902-03-04; "All laws

der proper auspices.

and to prevent and punish any corrupt practices in connection therewith, and the penalties and punishments now or hereafter prescribed by laws for such offenses, shall, so far as they may be applicable, apply to all primary elections, Company, died suddenly yesterday in whether the same be held under any statute law of this State or under a plan provided by some political party." These laws have been referred to time and again in the Gazette. If they are still the law, then they cannot too often be referred to, "lest we forget."

A DISPATCH from New York says that Senator Gorman conferred in that city yesterday with friends of Judge Parker, who told him there had been no falling Bible League, in session in New York off in the Parker sentiment throughout since Tuesday night, ended its work the country. The leaders who have consulted with Senator Gorman in that city express the opinion that the Marylander is more interested in the wise choice of a candidate for the presidency questing the directors of the league to who has a chance of winning than he is select local secretaries to organize local in his own prospects of nomination. auxiliaries for systematic Bible study in This was stated in the Gazette some every town and village of the United weeks ago, and the writer of the article was thoroughly convinced of the sincerday's session Rev. Dr. D. S. Gregory, ity of Mr. Gorman concerning his cangeneral secretary of the league, de- didacy after an interview with that gentleman. Mr. Gorman has a strong teaching should be begun. The present following in New York and throughout the country who still hold to the belief poof of the failure of the old plan, and that he would be the strongest man the

A MEETING of the members of the bar of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia was held today to consider the resolution proposed at the meeting last Friday, making a protest to President Roosevelt against his action in nominating a successor to Justice Pritchard without giving the bar an opportunity to present the name of a candidate. There are none so blind as those who will not see. The people of Washington, so far as voting is concerned are as impotent as Chinese-they have no vote : se as Mr. Roosevelt is out vote-hunting, he selects men from States vested with

From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.) Washington, D. C., May 7.

Secretary of the Treasury Shaw will this afternoon sign the warrant for \$40,-000,000 which is to pay for the purchase of the Panama Canal. This will be the argest single warrrant ever drawn on the United States Treasury. It is made payable to J. P. Morgan & Co., of New York, who are acting as disbursing agents for the United States government in transferring this large sum of money to the Bank of France, and through it, to the Panama Canal Company. Although a warrant for such an amount if stolen would be of no earthly value to anybody except the parties to who it is made payable, Secretary Shaw has de-cided to carry it over to New York himself and he will personally present it to the Morgan firm and get a receipt therefor. He will be accompanied by his secretary, Mr. J. H. Edwards. The ecretary will leave here tomorrow night and the transfer of the warrant will take the widow of Thomas Nelson Langhorne, lace at the Morgan office on Monday of Lynchburg.

The about conditions on the strip. force of workmen employed by the Pana-na Canal Company," said the Admiral, after his talk with the President, "were aken over by us the moment that the government obtained posession. There are between seven and eight hundred men at work, practically all Jamaica They get on an average, I believe, about fifty cents in our currency, s they made their contract with the company to be paid in that coin. Until we have decided exactly how the work is to ganized. be done, whether by contract or by the government directly, the present force will be continued. We understand that to go to work. You may say that no matter what scheme is carried out, whether the contract or the governmentel con-trol of the workmen, the work on the about next Wednesday. There are two canal will be carried on all along the strip. Many thousands of men will be are paid out in pensions, and the pay-put to work and the digging will be ments under these will soon be made by pushed just as fast as money and the best energies we can bring to bear upon

will accomplish the result."
The President today reappointed Capt. Albert L. Mills a brigadier general in the army. Capt, Mills is commandant at West Point and was nominated for he brigadier generalship some time ago. The Senate refused to confirm the nom ination. The President now makes a recess appointment which will give Capt. Mills the rank and pay of brigadier general until the Senate acts on the

President Roosevelt's friends won out today at the meeting of the District bar that had been called for the express purpose of censuring him because pointed Wendell Philipps Stafford, of Vermont, to the local Supreme bench without consulting the legal lights of the The resolutions of censure preapital. sented by Attorney A. Y. Bradley were torney P. M. Browne said that "every given. The company has been acting little local politician could get an audias agents for the Studebaker company, little local politician could get an audi-ence with the President, but prominent the large American manufacturing con members of the bar who call at the White House on important business are kept waiting." The lawyers decided to petition Congress next December to in the Servian capital today. enact legislation that will compel the executive to appoint local men to the local bench.

The United States consul at Callao reports by cable to the State Depart-ment the death of Manuel Candamo, President of Peru. Candamo was in

stalled as President Sept. 8, 1903.

J. W. Ivey, of Valdez, Alaska, called upon the President this morning to show him a bottle of petrolium from a well just bored in the Kyak mining district. 'The oil found in Alaska is the highest grade in the world," said Mr. Three gushers have been struck thus far. The old district is pear the place where the coal has been found."

A. M. Batt, one of the best known extra session 1902-03-04: "All laws intended to secure the regularity and died suddenly in Baltimore late yesterpurity of general and local elections, day afternoon, of Bright's disease

News of the Day.

Twenty persons are said to have been killed by the recent tornado in Texas. Isaac Guggenheimer, senior member of the firm of Guggenheimer, Weil and his office, in Baltimore.

Bishop Stephen N. Merrill, of Chicago, senior member of the board of bishops yesterday presented a petition to the Methodist General Conference, in Los Angeles, asking to be retired from active

Charles S. Reber, formerly a book keeper for McNeely Company, mannfac turers of kid, in Philadelphia, was yesterday committed to prison in default of \$6,000 bail, charged with forgeries aggregating \$25,000.

It is stated in Boston that Mr. Richard Olney is not a candidate for the nomi-nation for the presidency, and as such will not be balloted for in the convention after the first call for votes, if, indeed, his name is placed before the convention

With the top floor of the office building over Proctor's One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street Theatre, in New York, blazing fiercely, 1,800 persons in the audience reached the street safely and without injury last night. Rushing into the theatre with half a dozen of hi men, Captain McNally threatened to club the first man who started to run.

Virginia News.

The Episcopal Council of the Diocess of Virginia will meet in Richmond or

A motion to instruct King George delegates for Hearst yesterday received only

Mr. Harry St. George Tucker wants be elector at large on the democratic ticket from Virginia.

Albert Alder, son of the late James Alder, died on Wednesday at his home near Purcellville, aged about forty years. Robert L. Gray, of Winchester, was esterday elected president of the Cum-

berland Valley Firemen's Association. Mrs. James Brown, of Round Hill, died on Thursday at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. William Lowe. She was aged sixty-six.

Six clerks at the Southern Stamp Works, Richmond, struck yesterday be cause the proprietor placed a woman manager over them.

Mr. Dulaney De Butts has been elect ed chief marshal of the Upperville Horse and Colt Show to be held on June 15th and 16th at Grafton Hall, near Upper ville.

In the jail yard at Tazewell Courthouse yesterday, Henry Woodard, half negro and half Indian, was hanged for the murder of Frank Tabor, of Pocahontas, last December.

The Snickersville Telephone Company has established a long-distance telephone line throughout the county of Loudoun, connecting with lines to Baltimore Washington and Philadelphia.

A large barn belonging to Mrs. Susan Reynoids, in lower Orange county, was destroyed by fire on Thursday. Three destroyed by fire on Thursday. valuable horses and some other stock, together with farming implements, etc., were also consumed.

Mrs. Ora Langhorne, a former resident of Lynchburg, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Foxhall Daingerfield, near Lexington, Ky., yesterday, of heart disease. She was 65 years old and was

Since August 6 seven of the nine mem Isthmian Canal Commission, had a long talk with the President this morning about conditions on the distance of Mrs. Martha A. E. King's family in Richmond have died. Martha Francis, about conditions on the distance of Mrs. Mayor is the conditions of the distance of Mrs. Mayor is the conditions of the distance of Mrs. Mayor is the conditions of the long of Mrs. Martha A. E. King's family in Richmond have died. Martha Francis, about conditions or the mine memwife of W. N. Mayes, is the seventh member of the family who has passed away recently. She died about night Thursday night. The husband and.

The monument to be erected to the valiant and patriotic service during the dark days of 1861 to 1865 for the Southhich is paid them in Colombian silver, this read arrived at Culpeper no other damage. tion on the spot in Culpeper county where the above company was first or-

Mr. E. L. C. Scott, pension clerk it will be continued. We understand that the Auditor's office, yesterday stated there are about fifteen hundred idle men that about two thousand pensioners had on the Isthmus now who are very anxious | been paid the amounts due them by the provisions of the act of 1888. The payment of all those entitled to pensio subsequent acts under which large sums the Auditor's office.

> Quite a stir has been created by the announcement that old St. John's Episcopal Church, in Richmond, where Patrick Henry made his defiant speech to British miscontrol, is to be enlarged The church has been given a new organ, and there is no place to put it. There are many people who look on any change in the old historic pile as something of a sacrilege. It is proposed to extend the rear end of the church so as to make room for the organ and a new chancel

A dynamite bomb was exploded on the roof of the Jesuit College at Barce-lona, Spain, today. The roof was blown in and one person was injured.

A dispatch from Manila says that the Pacific and Oriental Trading company, one of the largest houses in Manila, has voted down by a ballot of 49 to 29. At- announced its suspension. No cause is

> Mr. Jackson, U. S. Minister to Greece, Roumania and Servia, arrived His arrival marks the resumption of diplomatic relations between Servia and America, which were broken off at the time of the assassination of King Alexander and Queen Draga.

Mrs. Smith Won.

At the Chevy Chase Horse Show yesterday he feature event of the afternoon was the ex hibition hunters ridden by ladies. Chappie Lee, owned and ridden by Mrs. Courland H. Smith, of the Cameron Hunt Club of Virginia, was the only horse to clear the brush and bars without an error. The Cameron Hunt Club was represented by six hunters, all of which recently competed in the show at Boston. Mrs. Smith rode Chappie Lee into the ring, and this was her favorite of the lot. Miss Efkins shared the riding bonors with Mrs. Smith, and was the recipient of much applause for her fearless handling of one of her mounts. Mrs. Smith rode excellently in the three trials, and showed much skill in helping her mounts over the obstacles. hibition hunters ridden by ladies. Chappie

Today's Telegraphic News SIEGE OF PORT ARTHUR.

Tokio, May 7 .- Admiral Togo reports that Port Arthur is completely bottled, except for the passage of small boats. The Japanese, he adds, did not lose a single warship in the last attack on the Port, although it was expensive as regards loss of life. The last attack spoken of is in all probability the firing inci to the sinking of fire ships at the entrance to the harbor.

St. Petersburg, May 7 .- A telegram received today from Port Arthur contains an order issued by General Stoessel in in command at the Port in which he admits that Port Arthur is in a precari ous condition.

St. Petersburg, May 7.—The Russians have abandoned Port Arthur and Gen. Stoessel and his 23,000 men must either urrender or die.

St. Petersburg, May 7.—A telegram from Port Arthur, dated yesterday, states that six of the enemy's cruisers are continually in sight.

London, May 7.—Despatches from Seoul bring a report that Feng-Wang-Cheng has fallen into the hands of the Japanese after severe fighting. Seoul traces the report to Antung, Manchuria, a point near the Japanese advanced posts. The losses on both sides are reported

heavy. London, May 7.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg states that official admission made that the Japanese have captured

Feng-Wang-Cheng.
Wiju, Korea, May 7.—Word reached here today of another Russian repulse in Manchuria. One thousand of the Russian rear guard, according to this report, made a stand at Hehmetang, on the Liao-Yang road. The Japanese charged them and after a brief fight, the Russians spiked their guns and retreated Four hundred and thirty-five Russians were captured.

St. Petersburg, May 7.-It is reported that Port Arthur was again bombarded yesterday morning, all communication with the port having but been cut off by the Japanese, no confirmation of the

Viceroy Alexieff reached Mukden from

Port Arthur today. Chefoo, China, May 7.—Chinese coast ng vessels report a succession of tremendous explosions at the entrance to Port Arthur harbor. It is evident that the Russians are trying to clear the channel of the obstacles and mines placed there by the Japanese. The Japanese cruiser squadron is watching the harbor to pre-vent a sally of torpedo boats against the Japanese transports now lying along the Liao-Tung peninsula.

St. Petersburg, May 7.—It is learned that the government is now planning to oncentrate a huge reserve army at Har bin, Manchuria, which will be ready about August, and which, it is expected will be fully large enough to meet an force which the Japanese may bring againstrit. When the force in question is ready, according to present arrangements, the Czar himself will visit the place and inspire the men with a resolve to drive the Japanese into sea. Until this army is assembled the probability of Russia abandoning the whole of southern Manchuria with the exception of Port Arthur is admitted by those in a position to know. According to advices received here ice breakers have succeeded in opening Lake Baikal for ferries, and it is calculated that the navigation of the lake will double the capacity of the government for reinforcing the army in Manchuria.

Washington, D. C., May 7 .- A cableram was received at the Japanese egation this morning announcing that Admiral Togo with the combined fleet affected the third blocking operation on Port Arthur on the third of May. The entrance of the harbor is considered ef-fectively blocked, at least for cruisers and battleships. Three steamers were sunk before reaching the mouth of the harbor. memory of the military company of The flotillas remained till morning and Little Fork Rangers, which did such rescued half of the crews of the sunken

Japanese at Kronstadt?

St. Petersburg, May 7.—Viedomosti today reports what is believed to have been a Japanese attempt to destroy the overnmental section of Kronstadt, where large naval supplies are stored A heap of shavings and laths, the paper says, were recently placed near an im-mense quantity of shells filled with shells filled with pyroxyline. The shavings were covered with petroleum and set fire to. Luckily the blaze was extinguished before great damage was done. The same paper, in another section, urges an alliance be tween Russia and Turkey, whereby Turkish interests would be protected by Russia, in exchange for the Sultan's government granting permission for the Black Sea squadron to pass through the Dardanelles. Fifty thousand troops. says Viedomosti, placed on the Indian frontier would quickly cool England's objections to such an alliance, while France and Germany would make no opposition to the step

Japan and Turkey.

Constantinople, May 7.—The Mikado of Japan is winning Turkey thoroughly over to the Japanese side by little atten tions which he is paying the Sultan The special war telegrams which are beng sent are rapidly inculcating in the Turks a pride over the Japanese successes as they consider the brown men fellow Asiatics. Incidentally the Mikado has a deeper reason for his attentions; namely, the stiffening of the Turkish resolve not to let the Russian Black sea fleet pass through the Dardanelles.

To Be Taken to the Penitentiary

Louisville, Ky., May 7.—Curtiss Jett will be taken to the Frankfort penitentiary next week to serve a life for the murder of James B. Marcum, In accepting life sentence, Jett hopes to cheat the gallows, a pardon by the Governor being necessary before he can be hanged for the Cockrell murder, for which he has been sentenced, even if the Court

of Appeals refuses a rehearing.
Frankfort, Ky,, May 7.—The Court
of Appeals, Friday, granted James Howard additional time, till June 10th, to file his petition for a rehearing, his life sentence for killing Gov. Goebel having been affirmed. W. H. Smith, the attorney for Howard, asked for thirty days additional time and stated that the reason or asking the time was to give Howard a chance to raise enough money to carry spinach, the er-liest of all green vegeta-his case to the United States Supreme bles. The demand in the North for Court. Chief Justice Burnam stated that if the court gave the 30 days asked for, it would carry the case over to next estimated by one man of Madison term, which was contrary to all former county, Miss., for 32 acres of land which rulings of the court in criminal cases.

Richmond, Va., May 7.—The milling plant and shipping sheds of the Richmond Guano Company, an independent concern, were destroyed by fire today. President Johnson estimates the loss at \$120,000, with insurance of \$115,000. The origin of the blaze is not known. Officers of the company announce that the sheds will be rebuilt at once.

Destructive Fire.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 7 .- The Gerbe Company's carriage warehouse and fac-tory, corner of Fifth street and Duquesno Way, the largest concern of the kind in western Pennsylvania, is enveloped in flames and will doubtless be destroyed. An immense stock of all kinds was carried by the firm. A very narrow alley separates the Gerber building from the Joseph Horne dry goods establishment. The Horne building is in danger. The fire started about 11:10 o'clock. The

cause is not yet known. A later dispatch says the fire was under control by 11:40 o'clock. The Joseph H. Horne store, adjoining, was not damaged. The loss to the Gerber Company's stock is estimated at \$85,000 and is fully insured. The loss on the building, which was formerly occupied by the Spear Company's plow works and foundry, which covered nearly one half a block, is estimated at \$50,000; insurance partial.

Six Husbands Living.

Easton, Pa., May 7 .- Polly Touht the 17-year-old daughter of Julia Toch-marils, of South Bethlehem, has begun prosecution of her mother, charging her with having six husbands. Husband No. 1, Polly says, is in Hungary; No 6, the girl asserts, is living now with her mother, and the other four are scattered. When the family lived in Trenbore, eight years ago, a 3-year-old daughter mysteriously disappeared. Polly charges and says she has not seen the child since. The mother made no defense to the accusations of her daughter and agreed to settle on her daughter's terms: First, that Polly would be allowed to draw her own wages; second, that Polly be given the clothes which the mother is holding; third, that Polly be allowed to select her own sweetheart; fourth, that the mother pay all the costs of the suit. The suit was withdrawn.

Bridge Collapses

Scranton, Pa., May 7.—Forty men, women and children, on their way yesterday to see a circus, were thrown into the Lackawanna river at Albright avenue by the collapse of a wire cable foot bridg The women and children screamed while they clung to the guide rails, and the men either waded or swam out. All es caped. Some of the men dashed into the stream and pulled the broken structure and its struggling burden toward the eastern bank. One woman, with a baby in her arms, fainted. The two were picked up by a man, who held them un til all were taken out safely. A cheer went up from hundreds of spectators as the bridge was pulled ashore and the crowd scrambled up the bank. When the foot bridge was erected it was lashed to trees on either side of the river by stout wire cables, but it was overcrowded yesterday by the throngs going to the

Blown Up by Dynamite. Parkersburg, W. Va., May 7.—The ome of Levi Whitehair, near Clarksburg, was blown up by dynamite and then burned to the ground Thursday night. Whitecaps are supposed to have done the work, although there is no clue to the perpetrators. Further than that Mr. Whitehair received a few days ago a notice to leave the community not later than Wednesday night. His reply was that there were fourteen of the family and each had a gun. As he failed t leave, the house was destroyed. White Whitehair was recently convicted a sheep. Shortly afterward his son was shot and injured while stealing chickens. Thieves have operated extensively in the neighborhood for several months and

Four Men Killed. Elyria, O., May 6.-Four unknown men were killed by the Lake Shore west bound through passenger train which passed through Elyria at about three passed through o'clock this morning. Three were found on the track a mile east of town, while one was carried into the city on the front of the engine and dropped near the east bridge. All four were neatly dressed and apparently mechanics. On of them had \$66, but there was no identifying marks. It is supposed that they stepped in front of the passenger train and had their backs to the oncoming train.

Incendiary Fires.

Philadelphia, May 7.-Germantown fashionable suburban section, is in : ferment of excitement over several incendiary fires within its limits during ast night. In almost every instance of was sprinkled over outbuildings and kitchens in the rear of dwellings and Two men were arrestmatches applied. ed on suspicion this morning and after-wards released. The police and fire marshal believe that the fire bug is de

Queen Wilhelmina.

The Hague, May 7.—Queen Withel-mina's throat which has been troubling her for some days past is in a morserious state this morning than at any time since the affection become notice able. The trouble is now accompanied by fever. All her engagements have been cancelled for the present. A report from the palace this evening states that the Queen is now improving.

New York Stock Market.

New York, May 7, 11 a. m .- The dullness of the stock market may be best appreciated when it is stated that in the first hour there were only 33 stocks in which there were transactions of 100 shares or over. The floor was largely deserted, and the trading was wholly without significance. Prices, as a rule, were somewhat drooping through sheet nertia. In few instances were the variations in excess of \(\frac{1}{2}\)-or \(\frac{1}{2}\) per cent. The second hour brought no relief from the intense dullness.

Reports reaching Memphis produce houses from points in Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana, are to the effect that many farmers have abandoned the planting of cotton for the raising of spinach has surpassed the output. Between \$8,000 and \$10,000 is the profits he recently planted in spinach.

Cameron Run Hunt Club.

The second annual Horse Show of the Cameron Run Hunt Club will take place on the club grounds near Braddock Heights on Wednesday and Thursday, May 11th and 12th. From the present outlook the show should be a great success, as the entries both in quality and number far exceed those of any Hunt Club Show in the country.

Two hundred and twenty-five entries are well distributed throughout the twenty-two classes, the class for hunters owned and ridden by members of the Cameron Run Hunt Club containing lone 18 entries.

Among the prominent exhibitors from a distance are Mr. A. H. Higginson, M. F. H. Middlesex Hunt, Mass., who is showing his pack of hounds and several good hunters; Mr. Clarence Moore, M. F. H. Chevy Chase Hunt, Washington, D. C., who has also entered his hounds and the well known show ring performers Kohinoor, Craven, Masterpiece, Thun-der, etc., and several good harness horses. Miss Field and Miss Elkins, of Washington, have entered their good hunters in several classes. Virginia is well repre-sented by Messrs. C. W. Smith and John Carter, of Warrenton; L. Gibson and Luttrell, of Delaplane, Rogers Bros., of Loudoun county, A. O., and P. V. Port-ner of Manassas; Chas. IR. Hooff, Geo.

Stuart and S. Cooper Dawson, of Fairfax county, and the Hampton Stock Farm. Cameron Run Hunt will also be prominent in the hunt team and hound

The main feature of interest on the second day will be a steeplechase to be ridden by members of recognized hunt clubs, about two and a half miles over the new Hunt Club course, which is adjoining the show grounds. This steeple-chase will be made a semi-annual affair, and in the autumn two cups will be offered by Messrs. A. Henry Higginson and Courtland H. Smith for two races, viz: one for bona fide half-bred hunters

and the other for thoroughbreds.

Mr. Higginson has joined forces with Mr. Smith and hereafter will winter his pack of imported English nounds, hunters and steeplechasers at the Cameron Run Club, and another winter will see four days a week of good hunting under the joint mastership of Messrs. Higginson and Smith, the latter having also purchased a pack of imported bounds, which he will exhibit at the

The committee have done all in their power to provide for the convenience of pectators and exhibitors. A new grandtand has been erected on one side of the ring and seats for over three hundred people, besides boxes and ample carriage pace; excellent stabling has also been procured for any exhibitors wishing

The following gentlemen have kindly consented to act as judges: Messrs. W Plankett Stewart, Baltimore; Henry V. Colt, Geneseo, N. Y.; Victor C. Mather, Philadelphia, and Chas. Wheeler, Bryn Mawr, Pa.

The Southern Railway will sell excursion tickets from all points, and the grounds are easily reached from Alexandria and Washington by electric trains to Braddock Heights, where vehicles will meet all cars.

Mr Thomas for Congress

To the Editor of the Alexandria Gazette:

We notice several articles in the Gazette asking Mr. Clarence Thomas to run for Congress from this district. We are rejoiced to see this, for if there is a man thoroughly equipped for the place it is Clarence Thormas. For years his friends and the people of Loudoun and Fauquier have wanted to vote for him for any office he would accept.

He has been a prominent factor in Northern Virginia in its social and political life for years. He always follows his party flag and leads in politics as in all other good works. To the Editor of the Alexandria Gazette:

works.

But for the fact that for years his health was poor, he would have been sent to the Legislature and Coagress long ago.

The leaders of the party at one time urged him to go to the Legislature. He showed me the letters and I urged him to accept, but he dealined.

declined.

During the readjuster days no one did
more valiant work in season and out, and
during that time he was offered a lucrative
place out of the State, but refused to go until
the old State was redeemed, and thereby lost

When General Fitz. Lee was nominated for governor he was a member of the conven- Flour Extra...... tion at Richmond and to some of us it appeared how quickly he grasped the situation
and pressed for a vote that night for General
Lee, as some of the politicians were opposed
to his nomination. Again when some years
ago Loudoun presented Capt. J. W. Foster
for Congress, Mr. Thomas was selected by the
party leaders to write up the claims of Loudoun and its candidate. This work was soplendidly performed that his article adfressed to the press was later put in pamphlet
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dressed to the press was later put in pamphlet form, and has since been regarded as a "political classic."

The first political speech he made was the nomination in Alexandria of Maj. Kilgore of Loudoun, her poet and orator for the State Senate of Virginia.

The Gazette and other papers of the day referred to his speech as a beautiful and eloquent tribute to Loudoun and her candidate. When the discussion of the change of the medes of election of the U. S. Senators came up the Richmond Dispatch said that his discussion of that subject was one of the strongest and ableat expositions ever heard.

The above facts, and many more could be given, are referred to as giving the concensus of opinion as to his influence and standing. As to the man, any thing that is good can be said of him. The only criticism I ever heard of him was that he is too modest and generous. A B. L. of the University of Virginia, where his training started, he has become by great reading and stady an able and cultivated gentleman whose retentive memory beautifully illustrates his own ideas. With a mind bread, liberal and enlightened, he is abreast of the best thought of the times. His natural talents, added to his acquired ones, make him a brilliant writer and an eloquent speaker. He little dreams of the confidence and respect the people have for him, because in our judgment his nerve, integrity and honor are above all reproach.

He is a hold man with a wise head and I heard a distinguished lawyer say of kim, "Clarence Thomas always remainds me of Bulwer's heroes stypping from the pages with romance and the white flower of a blameless life for his garments."

We did not write this letter sooner because we wished to talk to the people of Londoun and Fauquier and we find all we have talked with say that he is the man they want. With the charm of magnetic power, the unique reference to Bulwer is true, for he is descended from heroes who sacrificed all save honor upon the altar of their country. He made himself a hero whose and the highest position

MERCER DISTRICT.
Loudoun Co., Va., May 3, 1904.

Quick Arrest. J. A. Gulledge, of Verbena, Ala., was twice in the hospital from a severe case of piles causing 24 tumors. After doctors and all renedies failed, Bucklen's Arnica Salve qui-kly arrested further inflammation and cured him. It conquers aches and kills pain. 25c at E. S. Leadbeater & Sons, druggists.

Pure Water.

Messrs. F. H. Finley & Sons: Gentlemen—I have been using your Pala table Diamond Distilled Water for several months on my prescription case find it the purest of waters. Respectful

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TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

The Travelers' Protective Association of America is holding its annual State convention in Reading, Pa., today.

Robbers early this morning dynamited the safe in the postoffice at Wyncote, Pa., near Philadelphia. According to the

postal inspectors nothing was stolen. William Decatur, an engineer on the night switcher in the railroad yards in Putnam, Conn., this morning, ran over and killed his own father, a car inspector,

nearly 70 years of age. The Federal grand jury at Jackson Miss., this morning, returned an indict-ment against the officers of the Mississip-pi Debenture Company, the charge be-ing that it is a "get-rich-quick" concern.

James Shaw, aged 44, a shoemaker, was burned to death last night in a fire was burned to death last night in a life that destroyed the house in which he lived in Cochesett, Mass. When found the body was burned beyond recognition, the head being burned entirely off.

Mrs. Delight Upson, aged 103 years, died at her home in Burlington, Conn., last night of old age. She had lived all her life in the home where she was born and had never travelled outside Connecticut in her life. The closing argument in the trial of

Mrs. Mary A. Powell, charged with the murder of her adopted daughter Elsie Albin, was made in Dover, Del., today, by Attorney Ridgeley, for the defense. The charge to the jury was lengthy. The jury may not return a verdict before Monday. Another attempt was made early this

morning by a rescuing party to enter the burning Locust Gap slope at Shamo-kin, Pa., but smoke and gas prevailed as thick as ever and prevented the men from going underground. It is now be-lieved by almost everybody that the five entombed men are dead.

An explosion occurred this morning abroad William K. Vanderbilt's turbine yacht Tarantula, which was lying at the pier at City Island, N. Y. Three mem-bers of the crew were seriously burned and were taken to a hospital. Neither Mr. Vanderbilt nor any of his friends were aboard. The yacht sustained only slight damage.

In view of the recent lynching of negroes in Austauga and Bald win counties, Ala., acting Governor Cunningham has issued a statement to the public explain-ing his policy and declaring that lynchers must be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, even if it becomes necessary to call an extra session of the legislature to make laws effective.

The freight sheds of the Philadelphia Steamship Co. on Central wharf in ton were damaged by fire early this morning, to the extent of \$30,000. A large quantity of merchandise was destroyed. More than 200 immigrants in the detention quarters of the United States Immigration Bureau, on Long wharf, were driven out by the smoke and heat, but only three evaded the officials, and escaped.

After being entombed for three days the dead body of Joseph Oshunsky was recovered from the Continental mine, near Mahanoy City, Pa., this morning. His comparion, Arthur Zube, is still imprisoned, though the rescuers can see his dead body under the coal.

One of the greatest blessings a modest man can wish for is a good, reliable set of bowels. If you are not the happy possessor of such an outfit you can great-y improve the efficiency of those you have by the judicious use of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are pleasant to take and agreeable in effect. For sale by Richard Gibson and W. F. Creighton & Co.

A Cure for Piles.

"I had a bad case of piles," says G, F. Carter, of Atlanta, Ga., "and consulted a physician who advised me to try a box of DeWitt's Which Hazel Salve. I purchased a box and was entirely cured. It is splendid for piles, giving relief instantly, and I heartily recommend it to all sufferers." DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is unequalled for its healing qualities. Eczema and other skin diseases, also sores, cuts, burns and wounds of every kind are quickly cured by it. Sold by all druggists.

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Onions, per bushel.
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Dried Apples.
Apples, per bbl.
Dried Peaches, pealed.
Bacou, country hams.
Best sugar-cured hams.
Butchers' hams.
Breakfast Bacon.
Sugar-cured shoulders.
Bulk shoulders.
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List of Unclaimed Letters.

The following is a list of the letters remaining in the Alexandria, Va., postoflice up to May 7, 1904. Abbott, H J

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Ford, Mrs Mary
Gleen, A D E
Gilmer, Mrs Nellie
Goadby, W H
Gose, Mrs G
Haley, Bruce
Johnson, Thomas
Kight, Henry
Kight, Henry
Kight, Mrs GREPPER, P. M.

DIED.

On Saturday May 7, 1904, at 4 a. m., R. H. HAVENER, aged sixty-eight years. Funeral services will be held at his late residence, 412 Prince street, on Sunday at 5 p. m. Interment in Loudoun county, Va.

In Washington, at 9 p. m., Friday, May 6, 1904, FRANKIE A. CHASE-NALLS, wife of Henry C. Nalls, in the 31st year of her age. Funeral from \$20 King street tomorrow (Sunday) evening at 4 o'elock. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

IN MEMORIAM. In sad and loving remembrance of our dear mother, LUCY A. DIXON, who died May 8-one year ago tomorrow.

One mournful year has vanished, Yet still the teardrops fall: For the memory of our mother Still is fresh within our hearts,

A light from out our household's gone, A voice we loved is stilled; A place is vacant in our midst That never can be filled.

Gone, but not forgotten

BY HER CHILDREN.